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Fellow-Countrymen:

The comedy is over.

From the start of the campaign the Hukbalahap has vigorously and militantly warned the people that the elections would be a farce. This warning was repeated several times. Motwithstanding, the people went to the polls. Let us look at the record to determine the correctness of our warning.

Against the expressed judgement of the Supreme Court, Quirino refused to call a special session of Congress. In utter disregard of the public interest, the Quirino administration distributed "pork-barrel" patronage to coerce the political leaders and their followers to vote for its ticket. Public meetings of opposition parties were either broken up by paid hoodlums of the administration, or else actually prevented by refusing to grant permits. 'ass raids and searches without warrants were made on the homes of peaceful citizens. Kidnappings and murder of political opponents and their leaders were resorted to, forcing some candidates to leave their territories. Central Luzon is an armed camp, with the PC, civilian guards and special police terrorizing the people into voting for the Quirino ticket. In Megros Occidental, Lanao, Ilocos Sur, Cavite and Pangasinan, political opposition was crushed into submission, approaching a situation similar to Central Luzon. Not satisfied by all these, the Quirino Liberal Party resorted to all sorts of election frauds and tricks, including even the despicable practice of using ready-made ballots. To assure that these frauds would no longer be exposed, Quirino retired Commissioner Emage of the Electoral Commission to assure his majority in that body,

Under this situation, no one in his right senses can entertain the illusion that the peoples' judgement, as expressed in the polls, will be respected.

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No one can reasonably entertain the hope that such frauds can yet be redressed through the regular constitutional channels.

Countrymen: Wake up and defend your democratic rights through the most effective means.

In 1946, the liberal Party administration plunged the country into a virtual civil war when it denied millions of people of Central Luzon their representation in Congress. In 1947, the same administration committed wholesale frauds and terror to win the election, and the protest of the opposition parties and their indignation rallies were of no avail. In 1948, this same administration attempted to fool the people into believing that it meant to bring about the conditions for democratic peace, while all along it followed the dictates of its master, the American imperialists and the feudal landlords. Now, it has duplicated and even excelled its record of terror and fraud in the 1947 elections.

Must the people accept this verdict of terror and fraud, lying down? Never. The reported and unreported disturbances of peace all over the country are proofs of the deep dissatisfaction of the people whose patience have alwready reached breaking point, looking only for decisive and determined leader—ship to lead them in the struggle to overthrow the imposters.

Filipinos: Join with your oppressed brothers now engaged in a lifeand-death struggle against the corrupt Liberal Party administration. Rally to the armed struggle to overthrow the regime of terror and fraud of the Quirino administration.

Everywhere in the Far East today, the people have grown tired of submitting to the corruption, oppression and exploitation of imperialism and its puppets. In China, the Chinese people have shown the correct path of struggle: they have taken up arms and thrown out the corrupt terroristic regime of Chiang-Kai-Shek. In Indo-China, the Peoples' Republic of Viet Minh is driving the French imperialists and their puppet Rao Dai into the sea, by force of arms. In Indonesia, in Burma, in Malaya, the people have learned the lessons of today's events: that only armed struggle can win for them freedom from tyranny and exploitation. The American imperialists seek to intensify their domination of our country, and the Quirino regime of terror, fraud and the mailed fist is their instrument for doing so. The American imperialists will give its puppet Quirino military aid to crush all forms of political dissidence.

Must the people submit further to the impositions of the imperialists and its puppet, the Quirino administration?

Countrymen: There is no more way out except to overthrow the rule of imperialism and its puppets.

Filipinos: Follow the path of the Hukbalahap in the armed struggle to overthrow the Quirino administration, puppet of American imperialism.

SUBMIT AND BE SLAVES RESIST AND BE FREE

November 9, 1949

LUIS M. TARUC

Fellow-Countrymen:

The Quirino administration, covered already with the guilt of countless crimes against the people, has now committed the greatest crime in its black and bloody history: it has seized the reins of government by terror and fraud and intends to rule against the will of the people.

The people cannot accept this verdict of terror and fraud.

The tragic farce that took place in the name of free elections on November 8th has proved beyond any doubt that peaceful democratic processes have ceased to exist in our country. It is no longer possible for the people's will to be made known through the simple use of the ballot. The ballot is prostituted, the petitions are thrown away, the people themselves are treated with contempt and brutality. The people have only one way open to them: to use their revolutionary rights and to act decisively in their own interests.

Countrymen: Rise up in defense of your rights.

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Filipinos! Join with your brothers in oppression! Rally to the armed

struggle for freedom and democracy!

The Hukbalahap has pointed out repeatedly that legal, constitutional, parliamentary processes alone cannot guarantee democracy in the Philippines today. It was ruthless denial of the people's election mandate in Central Luzon that led to the terror of the mailed fist policy. Only the armed struggle of the Hukbalahap has kept freedom alive in these provinces. The consequence of the terror and fraud on November 8th will be the spread of the mailed fist policy throughout the Philippines for that is the only way a corrupt government can maintain itself in power. Only if the people take up arms against the defrauders and against the terrorists will democracy be saved from those who would destroy it.

Filipinos! Take up your arms in defense of the integrity of the bal-

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There is now nowhere the people can turn for justice. The government is in the hands of a corrupt and desperate few who ruthlessly disregard the people's wishes. The courts are useless, nothing but appendages of those who are in power. The army and the police are agents of the ruling few, the very instruments of terror. Where can the people turn, except to themselves and to the strength that lies in their unity?

Filipinos! Unite and fight the armed gangs who have robbed you of your rights! Form action committees and selze the municipal buildings, the ports, and the ballot boxes to guarantee the integrity of the election!

Filipinos: Follow the path of the Hukbalahap to the armed struggle for the defense of democracy!

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